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Hi Dan, I spoke with our benthic macroinvertebrate guy (Scott Roberts) and discovered that TU has contracted him for sampling in Durango and below on the Animas. Three sites I think; there are others we have sampled in the past however. So it would really be beneficial if EPA could have Scott do the sites throughout the Animas canyon and all sites in and above Silverton. It would give maximum data and it would all be from using our tried and true protocol which was meticulously developed in 1996-97 by working with WQCD, EPA, and CDOW (based on experience of previous sampling efforts). Scott has Chester Anderson's (our previous bug guy) net and all information. Chester also worked extensively for the S. Ute tribe collecting bugs on La Plata, Pine, and Piedra Rivers which may have good reference reach information. Scott collected bugs in Mineral Creek and South Mineral last fall as part of our 319 Bullion King project.

Attached are maps of the sites monitored spring and fall of 96-97 and more recently. They & results are in Chapter VI, Appendix B (macroinvertebrates) of the Animas UAA. Much has been done in Upper Basin since the UAA but the last report was written in 2010 regarding samples taken in 2008 (I think). I can send the recent reports if you want but I have no more time today.

Bill